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3. Channel Improvement

several bulldozers were at work in the perimeter of the excavation area was to be retained while excavation took place behind the bank of the river. Later the bank will be removed.

bulldozers pushed the dirt to waiting cranes which lifted the dirt onto trucks. or more barges in this area which were being loaded with dirt. These barges dumped the dirt at sea.

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4. Controlling Depth

no dredges at work in the harbor, however,

a new approach channel following the line designated B was being dredged. the new channel would have a depth of 32' to 33' and would simplify the approach to subject port. observed one 70' bucket dredge at work on this new channel.

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5. Petroleum Storage

at designator C

although there were no pipe lines on the wooden pier at this berth, it was an oil berth and there were petroleum storage tanks nearby.

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the naval bunkering berth and oil storage tanks. The naval bunkering pier was small and constructed of wood. Polish naval vessel GROM, was taking bunkers pipes of 6" in diameter each brought the oil from storage tanks to the waiting vessel. two large, aluminum, storage tanks. The bunkering area was surrounded by walls constructed of 6x6x8' granite stones. The area was guarded.

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6. Berth

[redacted] coal arrived at the docks by railroad. There were four or five railroad tracks along the wharf. The railroad engines were steam-driven, and the cars were unloaded by four 20-ton cranes and six five-ton cranes. Vessels were loaded either directly by the cranes or from a conveyor belt. There were two conveyor belts in the area, but one was damaged and out of commission. At the third loading berth,

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[redacted] so much coal had fallen into the water that the depth had decreased. the berths in this area were the same as when the Germans constructed them.

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7. Shipbuilding and Repair

[redacted] three floating dry docks with capacities of 14 thousand tons, seven thousand tons, and 2,500 tons. [redacted] two 10 thousand-ton passenger ships under construction in the area. Their hulls were visible.

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8. Naval Base [redacted] only a few small naval craft at the naval base and very little activity.

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9. Naval Units As mentioned in paragraph 5, the GROM was bunkering in subject port. [redacted] observed two Polish PCEs of approximately 250 tons each in the roads outside subject port. [redacted] these vessels were on routine patrol.

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11. Soviet Bloc Merchant Vessels [redacted] a Soviet merchant vessel of about seven-eight thousand tons dead weight, about 480' long, and approximately 40 years old [redacted] to enter harbor and lift coal for the USSR. [redacted] the poor condition of this vessel's paint. [redacted] 10 to 12 Polish ships in subject port, varying in dead weight from two thousand to seven thousand tons.

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14. Miscellaneous

a. [] the churches in subject port were crowded with people. [] most of the Poles in subject port seemed to go to church. 25X1

b. [] the lighting in Gdansk was very poor. [] the streets and docks were almost dark at night, and [] there was a small light every 300 to 400 feet. 25X1

c. [] a soldier stationed on each crane in subject port, two soldiers at the waiting berth, and three soldiers at the loading berth. 25X1

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